

The Andover Council on Aging Board (COAB) met in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 8:00 am at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover, MA.

Co-Chair Ann Grecoe called the meeting to order at 8:04 am and on ROLL CALL: Present were Mike Basile, Joe Ponti, Mike Roli, Ann Grecoe, Margaret O'Connor, Kaye Devanna, Joan Fox, Stu McNeil and Jane Gifun. Absent was Don Robb.

Also present were Kathy Urquhart, Director of Elder Services, Donna Morse, Executive Secretary of Elder Services, Bill Fahey, Director of Youth Services and Chris Huntress, Youth Center Building Committee.

Minutes

On Motion by Jane Gifun, which was seconded by Joan Fox, it was voted to accept the February Minutes. On VOICE VOTE the motion was declared as PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. It was decided that for all future meeting, it will be assumed that a member will attend all meetings unless the Recording Secretary is notified.

Old Business

Follow-up Meeting with the Board of Selectmen on March 14 - Mike Roli gave a brief update on the private tax relief article that he is proposing at Town Meeting. After a brief discussion Joe Ponti made a motion, which was seconded by Margaret O'Connor, that the Board would support the article.

Parking at The Center - Kathy Urquhart was asked if the parking spaces assigned to The Center are being monitored. She stated that some monitoring is being done but that once signage goes up in the spring things are expected to improve.

Warrant article to increase the abatement for the SCRPT Program - It was stated that the article was being withdrawn as it was determined that the Board of Selectmen can vote to approve or disapprove the request. All members agreed to encourage the Selectmen to increase the abatement from \$675 to the \$1,000 maximum allowed by the State.

Logo - It was stated that the new logo for The Center needs to be completed so signs can be made. The signs will need to be approved by the town's Design Review Committee.

New Business

Accreditation Committee - Kathy Urquhart will bring the information to the June COAB meeting for the Board to discuss.

Board Resignation - Kathy Urquhart announced that Mary Garrity Cormier had resigned from the Board.

Updates

Youth Center - Bill Fahey, Director of Youth Services spoke about an AYS program where students help families and seniors to do project around the house. The Board stated that they support this AYS project. Chris Huntress shared plans of the youth center and stated that construction is expected to start in April and be completed by late fall. He explained the four major sections of the building, the gym, lobby, multi-purpose room and shop, and the kitchen/media and fitness room. The Board members were invited to attend the Building Committee meetings held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 am in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Kathy Urquhart remind everyone that there is a "No Soliciting" policy at The Center. This includes, but is not limited to, soliciting signatures for any purpose.

On MOTION of Stu McNeil and seconded by Joe Ponti, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

The next meeting is April 10, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Morse
Recording Secretary